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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

with

Mr. Benjamin Read, Executive Secretary  
Department of State

This is to confirm the substance of our conversation of 26 March responding to your letter of 24 February to Mr. Kirkpatrick regarding the proposed exchange of representatives between the Operations Centers of the Department of State and CIA.

As I indicated to you, our Operations Centers have different functions: yours is in a position to monitor the flow of communications and to serve the role of an executive or expeditor; ours, on the other hand, has primarily a service function of bringing together information from all sources on U.S. and enemy capabilities and intentions as they bear on situations of concern to the DCI, the Agency and the intelligence community. Another of our Center's functions is to maintain an inventory of U.S. and allied collection capabilities including those of CIA's Clandestine Services and our exotic technical collection systems. However, our Operations Center does not deal specifically with the sorts of intelligence products which I feel would be of the greatest interest to you--that is, the substantive analyses and views of our analysts and evaluating groups on developing situations which concern both ourselves and the Department of State.

I would therefore propose that Mr. Getsinger be assigned to my immediate office where he could keep abreast of our activities and substantive judgments without encountering the difficulties involved in working in an area where Clandestine Service operational data is being processed. My Executive Staff is much more a counterpart of your Secretariat than is our Operations Center, and I believe that Mr. Getsinger's assignment with us would be more productive to you if he were closer to it.

If this arrangement is not satisfactory, we have agreed to explore the possibility of using Mr. Davis, INR's representative

State Department review completed

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to the Central Intelligence Bulletin panel, as a point of contact with my Executive Staff and the Operations Center during his daily visits to Langley. You have agreed to consider accepting [redacted] in your Operations Center whom you could use as your point of contact for matters in which our Operations Center can be of service to you. In any case, our Operations Center will respond as promptly and effectively as they can to any questions you may put to them directly.

/S/ R.S.CI

RAY S. CLINE  
Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

February 24, 1964

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

I understand you are aware of discussions which I and members of my staff have had with Mr. J. J. Hitchcock and other members of your Collection Guidance Staff regarding a proposed exchange of personnel between our respective Operations Centers. Such an exchange would complement parallel exchanges which have taken place between our Operations Centers and the National Military Command Center.

The purpose of the exchange would be to facilitate coordination and improve the flow of information between our two agencies. In this connection, we believe it would be desirable for your man to be able to draw upon the resources both of DDI and DDP and for ours to have access to information about the work of both staffs in your Operations Center.

For our part we shall seek to assure that your representative has prompt access to operational and other information from State Department sources of interest to your agency. However I must emphasize that this arrangement would not in any way affect existing relationships and channels, particularly those established with our Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

Mr. Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Executive Director,  
Central Intelligence Agency,  
Headquarters Building,  
Langley, Virginia

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We are not able to judge in advance how mutually advantageous an exchange of this nature would actually prove to be in practice. For this reason, we would prefer to try it out first on an experimental basis.

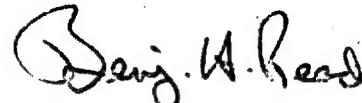
I propose, therefore, that we commence with a trial period of a month and that we consider at the end of the month whether the arrangement should be continued, modified or terminated.

During this trial period I believe it would be appropriate for each of our agencies to make available one officer for assignment to the Operations Center of the other for as many hours a week as circumstances appear to require.

We plan to send over Mr. Norman Getsinger, an FSO-3 who is currently serving as a Senior Watch Officer in the Operations Center. Background information on Mr. Getsinger may be found in the State Department's biographic register.

If this proposal is acceptable to you, please let me know when you would like to commence the trial period and whom you would expect to assign here as an exchangee.

Sincerely,



Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary

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Honorable Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Read:

I recently noted that your letter of February 24 had not been answered and I wish to express my apology. We are currently undergoing a review of certain of our organizational and procedural matters which bear very directly on the exchange of personnel between our respective operations centers. As soon as this is completed, I will be happy to respond in detail to your letter.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick  
Executive Director

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Sent to J. J. Hitchcock to walk through DD/P and then prepare response for LBK's signature.

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Remarks:

On March 26, Messrs. Cline and Borel met in the office of Mr. Ben Read, Mr. Bill Connell being also present, to discuss subject of exchange of personnel between Ops Centers. Memorandum of Conversation attached. Original has been passed to Mr. Read and is considered by him and Mr. Cline as a counterproposal to State letter of 24 February and hence a reply to same. No further action needed by CIA until State views on our proposals have been ascertained. Have so informed Messrs. Helms and Hitchcock.

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